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TAFT AND STATEHOOD

Statehood for New Mexico at the coming session of congress is the prediction which Governor Curry of that territory makes, and he bases his faith in this on the declaration of President Taft, who is reputed to have said that next to tariff revision, which has already been accomplished, the question is the most important one to come before the country. New Mexico has waited patiently to take her place among the sisterhood of states, and it is apparent that the time has about arrived to make good on the promises which have been held out. While the question of statehood is not of the importance that Governor Curry thinks it is to the people at large, public opinion is undeniably in favor of the proposition.

Arizona is in a similar position to New Mexico and will share the same fate. Notwithstanding the optimistic feeling which now prevails, the two territories will not have an easy time in securing their desires. The interests which have heretofore blocked separate statehood will be just as strong as ever in their efforts to prevent any favorable action. Assistance of the president will have its influence, however, and if a strong intimation comes from the executive department that statehood is looked upon with favor, the republican majority will listen to the request. Republican platforms have spoken in no uncertain terms about the willingness of that party to accord statehood to Arizona and New Mexico, and a fulfillment of promises is the only course now left to pursue. President Taft would be justified in interfering in the matter to the extent of bringing pressure to bear to pass the necessary legislation.

The outlook ought to be gratifying to advocates of statehood. Even if they do not attain their object at the

coming session, the matter cannot be deferred for any great length of time. There is no objection from the states now in the union, and the national lawmakers must eventually submit to the wishes of the people. Whether they think the time is right for action now will be determined by the response they make when the desires of the president are made known to them, as they surely will be, after the assembling of congress. The chances are that they will be in a mood to drop their opposition and make it possible for two new stars to be added to the flag for the nation's next birthday.—Pueblo Star Journal.

GOOD ROADS OR NO MAIL

The postoffice authorities have instructed an eastern Kansas postmaster to withdraw rural free delivery for thirty days where highways are neglected, and in the event that the neglect continues after the expiration of the thirty-day period the service may be withdrawn indefinitely or until the road has been put into good condition. The rural carriers are the autocrats of the situation and the general cause of good roads should be very materially served, not only in the particular section involved in this order but throughout the country eventually, as the outcome of the first case will be a precedent for other sections.

The postal authorities figure that rural free delivery enhances the value of any large farm at least \$1,000, and that it is worth \$100 a year for a farmer to get his mail delivered without the loss of time and the annoyance of going to town after it. These are of course statements only, but the general principle will hardly be controverted and the justice of the order just issued is equally undeniable. That the order will be immediately effective is quite probable, for it is simply an application to rural routes of the practices in a modified form in the cities. Urban carriers are not required to deliver mail to inaccessible places; they are not compelled to climb more than one flight of stairs; they are not required to deliver mail to houses in the yards of which vicious dogs are kept, and there are other regulations protecting the carriers and expediting the service, of which the element of time is such an important consideration.

It is only just and proper that rural routes should be made safe and convenient for carriers, and the withdrawal of such a valuable privilege as rural delivery will bring the recalcitrant and neglectful to time.

PEARY MUST PROVE HIS CASE

Harry Whitney's messages, instead of clearing up the Peary-Cook controversy, leave it more hopelessly confused than before.

Intrusted in confidence with Dr. Cook's claims at Annotok, Whitney kept the secret faithfully until, on his arrival at Battle Harbor, Cook released him from his pledge. In his

brief, modest despatches from that point Whitney states that Dr. Cook told him he had been at the North Pole and showed him maps, and that he has no reason to doubt Cook's assertion.

But the most remarkable statement by Whitney is contained in a special despatch to Peary's chief journalistic champion, the New York Times: "I know not the extent of the contents of the box left in my charge by Dr. Cook to be brought back. No vessel having arrived for me at Etah before the Roosevelt returned from the north, I started home on her. Commander Peary would not allow anything belonging to Dr. Cook to come on board his ship. I left the box in a cache at Etah."

And so the instruments which Dr. Cook planned to submit to the university authorities in Denmark, and the original and duplicate records, which he entrusted to Whitney for greater safety, are still within the Arctic circle, at the mercy of any inquisitive or acquisitive person who may happen upon them! And they are there because Peary violated the unwritten law of all waste and wild places, which is that civilized men who meet there shall render mutual services when possible.

More than ever is it Peary's instant task to prove his charges against Cook. If it is not too difficult, he might at the same time strive to soften the impression that he has acted in a foolish as well as churlish manner toward his rival.

SERIOUS CLASH OVER MONTANA FOREST LANDS

Helena Mont., Sept. 29.—Forcible measures to recover land now in the possession of the United States forest officials are to be used by the state board of land commissioners. The land in controversy was sold by the state to the Great Northern Railway. The forestry officials, who had warned all persons against the purchase, built a fence around the tract and set it apart for "administrative purposes." At a special meeting of the state land bureau the state land agent was instructed to "go at once into the field and take with him such assistance as is necessary to oust from the tract of land in question all trespassers and persons asserting rights against the State of Montana."

The funeral of J. W. Reardon who died at the Las Vegas hospital last Saturday, of tuberculosis, was held this afternoon at the parlors of the Las Vegas Undertaking company. The services were conducted by Rev. M. E. Dutt, pastor of the Christian church. Burial was in Odd Fellows cemetery.

"A Lawyer's Wedding" is the title of the bill to be presented by the Spooner-Wallock Stock company at the Duncan opera house tonight. It is a rollicking comedy.

A man boasts of his past, and a woman is proud she hasn't any at all.

MARKET REPORTS.

St. Louis Wool
St. Louis, Sept. 29.—Wool quiet, territory western medium 23@28; fine medium 22@24; fine 13@19.

New York Metal
New York, Sept. 29.—Lead quiet, 4.42 1/2; copper steady, standard spot, 12.65@12.75; silver 61 1/4.

New York Money and Stocks
New York, Sept. 29.—Prime paper, 4 1/2@5; Mexican dollars, 43; call money firm, 2 3/4@3; Amalgamated, \$83; Atchison, \$123; New York Central, \$137 1/8; Southern Pacific, \$134; Union Pacific, \$134; Union Pacific preferred \$208 1/2; Steel, \$89 5/8; Steel preferred, \$130.

Chicago Provisions
Chicago, Sept. 29.—Wheat, September, \$1.06; December, \$1.00@1.01. Corn, September, 64 1/4; December, 53 3/8. Oats, September, 44 1/2; December, 38 1/2@5.8. Pork, September, \$25.00; January, \$18.47. Lard, September, \$12.27 1/2; October, \$12.10. Ribs, September, \$11.95; October, \$11.62 1/2.

Chicago Live Stock
Chicago, Sept. 29.—Cattle 18,000, steady to shade lower; beefs \$3.95@4.30; Texas steers \$3.75@5; western steers \$3.90@6.50; stockers and feeders \$3.10@5.20; cows and heifers \$2@5.90; calves \$7@9.

Hogs 19,000 five to 10 lower; light \$7.60@8.25; mixed \$7.65@8.35; heavy \$7.50@8.25; rough \$7.50@7.80; good choice heavy \$7.80@8.35; pigs \$6.40@7.60; bulk sales \$7.90@8.25. Sheep 30,000, weak; native \$2.65@4.85; western \$2.75@5; yearlings \$4.50@5.40; lambs, native \$4.25@7; western \$4@7.

Kansas City Live Stock
Kansas City, Sept. 29.—Cattle 14,000 including 1000 southern, steady to strong; native steers \$4.50@8.15; southern steers \$3.25@5.75; southern cows \$2.40@3.75; native cows and heifers \$2.25@5.50; stockers and feeders \$3.25@5.50; bulls \$2.50@3.75; calves \$3.50@7.50; western steers \$3.75@6.50; western cows \$2.75@4.25. Hogs 12,000, 5 lower; bulk sales \$7.80@8.20; heavy \$8.10@8.30; packers and butchers \$7.90@8.25; light \$7.60@8.10; pigs \$5.50@7.25. Sheep 10,000 steady; muttons \$4.25@4.85; lambs \$5.50@6.50; range wethers and yearlings \$4.25@5.25; range ewes \$3.25@5.00.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church has chosen a new set of officers as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Schlott; secretary, Mrs. F. E. England; treasurer, Mrs. Rufus Mead; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. C. Smith. Several new members have recently joined the society which begins the new year under very flattering circumstances.

The Optic leads; others tag.

A Reminder

If anticipating buying a gift of Silver, Cut Glass, China or Jewelry, remember we carry only the BEST.

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We have been looking for you for some time. The finest and exclusive Stock of Men's Clothes ever shown, IS READY FOR YOU. Popular styles and prices will stay popular.

Better see what \$15.00 will do—it's a price at which we make a special feature of unusual value. All wool pure Worsteds latest Suit patterns, \$15.00

HERE you'll find a great stock of Men's Gloves, the biggest stock in Vegas, for every day and special occasion. We offer to you a special Glove, tan cap for \$1.50, you can't duplicate no place less than \$2.00

Arabian Mochas in gray, brown and wine, silk lined or without, \$1.75
Suede Gloves silk lined or without, \$1.25

Cap Gloves, silk lined \$2.00. Come in and see the big display.

You may want something good at not over \$1.98; we have it. Wool Cassimere Pants in sizes for all comers, \$1.98.

Pure Worsted Pants, \$5.00.

Roelofs Hats, the best stiff hat in town, from \$3.50 to 5.00.

Willson Bros. Shirts, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Neckwear, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

The latest and exclusive line of Vestings in town, \$1.75 to \$5.00.

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Prices are--

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Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits

We show a PALMER GARMENT exactly like cut No. 3449 strictly tailored Suits of Copenhagen Soliel. Semi-fitting Jacket has coat collar trimmed with stripes of black and gold soutache and fastens with large jet buttons. Lined with gray satin. Length 40-inches, seven gored plaited skirt.

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Prices,
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The expression of personality in Wearing Apparel is an art in which the designers of our one-piece Dresses have attained success.

Each of the many models favor a particular type—varying in material, color and style, so that the wearer is dressed fashionably and with a touch of exclusiveness not to be obtained in Ready-to-Wear garments at any other store.

They are attractively priced at \$45, \$35, \$30, \$25, \$22.50, \$17.50 and as low as \$15.

The favorite fabrics are Broadcloth, Cheviots, Chiffon, Taffeta, the ruling style is the low line "Moyen age" model, kilted and pleated Skirts, plain tailored or with only slight touches of braid or embroidery trimmings.

The New Waists Are Here

Never so beautiful as now; never so many to select from.

The Silk Jersey Waist, new this Season, in navy, black, and reseda.

\$6.50 to \$12.50

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In green, blue and black, \$6.50 to \$8.50

New Lace Waists

A great variety, \$3.50 to \$9.50

New Tailored Waists

Box pleated or plain, \$2.00 to \$3.50

Skirt Department

Panama, Worsteds, Serges, Broadcloths, black, blue, gray, brown, green, red, fancy hair-line stripe or invisible stripe, \$5 to \$25.

Everything that is New in FOOTWEAR for Women

All that has been produced in desirable new styles of Autumn and Winter shoes for Women is here ready for our patrons' inspection. "The Gypsy," "The Suede," "The Wing" all show new fashion features that must be seen to be understood, all leathers, buttons or lace, welt or turn,

\$3.00 to \$5.00

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In the Men's and Boys' Stock WE SHOW

New Fall Shirts, all kinds 75c to \$2.50
The New Roller Hats for Men; the new gray, black, tan, \$3.50
New Fall Florsheim Shoes, button or lace, Calf skin, Patent, Vici, newest lasts \$4.00 and \$5.00

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Superior Union Suits—a complete line from heavy all cotton ribbed to all Australian lamb wool, \$1.25 to \$3.50 Suit. Men's all wool "Staley Underwear" the best Underwear we know of for the money, large ample garments and absolutely all wool, \$1.50, to \$2.50.

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The largest assortment ever brought to Las Vegas. Everything for the Boy or Young Man. Suits for \$1.50 to \$20.00. All the newest styles.

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